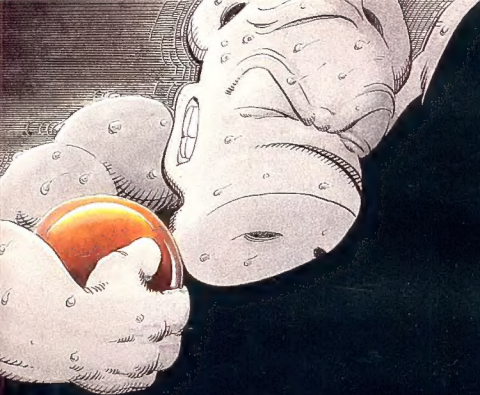




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Here's a thought.

Have you ever considered that the symptoms of AIDS are the same as those from radiation poisoning? Brownish-purple blotches on the skin, dramatic weight loss, vomiting, diarrhea, night sweats, etc. etc.

What do you suppose would be the effect of a small piece of plutonium planted in a homosexual bath house(s) over a period of years?

Like I say.

It's just a thought.

Here's another thought.

They say that cigarette smoking causes lung cancer. So does breathing an irradiated particle with an atomic half-life of several thousand years. There are an awful lot of those particles floating around. And they started floating around at the same time that cigarette smoking started causing lung cancer.

I know.

Just a coincidence.

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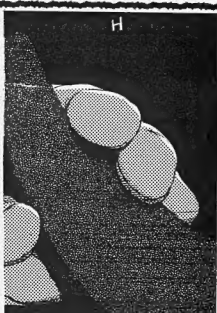
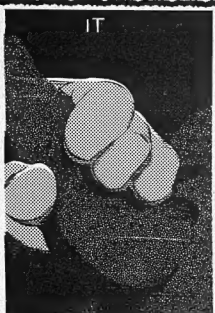
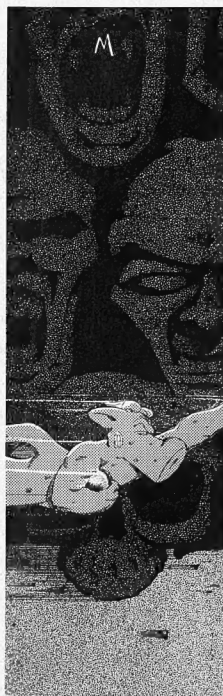
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David,

I don't read your work I just snatch it from my brother (who swails, DON'T TOUCH IT YOU'LL SMUDGE THE COVER!) and glance at the pictures, however it is obvious to me that the idea for Cerebus came from the famous quote of H.D. Thoreau, "If an aardvark does not keep pace with his companions perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music that he hears, however measured or far away." This wise saying also formed the basis for the classic ballad Distant Drums by the late great Jim Reeves, father of Christopher Reeves who as we all know played Superman which was itself based on the treatise by noted syphilis-sufferer Friedrich Nietzsche. Incidentally a quote by Nietzsche formed part of the introduction to the subversive novel 'The Dicerman' by Luke Rhinehart who while attending a party was once pinched on the bum by Pynchon (the bum!) after losing a bet to J.D. Salinger notorious gadfly and drug-supplier to the equally renowned Hunter S. Thompson.

By a curious quirk of fate it was a bullet from this very same gun which lodged in the spine of John Dos Passos forcing him to return home early from WWI and begin work on his magnum opus "U.S.A." which was originally entitled "America" before Franz Kafka raised a furore (a timid furore albeit) by claiming that he'd already written a book called "America" even if he hadn't finished it. It was Kafka on his deathbed who uttered the immortal exhortation, "Byrne is a jerk!" referring to the bearded comic artist of the same name.

Unfortunately this was misinterpreted by Max Brod, as, "Burn all my work!" thus giving the lie to a famous literary anecdote. While on the subject of semantics let us not forget the cry of Leon Trotsky (just before sending the Red Army to destroy Nestor Maknho and his band of anarchists who had helped win the revolution) who yelled, "Hard verke never hurt anybody!" which was taken by the dipsomaniac Edgar Allan Poe to be, "Aardvark never hurt anybody!" thus propagating the myth that the short grey fellow is relatively harmless. Anyway time for last words; Popeye's were, "Fix my hair!" (just before the noose tightened), mine shall have to be say hello to the kids for me.

Hazel Motes

South London (where the streets have no names - because no one can read).

Indeed.

Dave,

I just read #100. Did you know that scrubbing the white rubber parts of basketball shoes with a toothbrush and hand degreaser makes them look like new?

Andy Freeman

*3 Coleman Place, #5,
Mentlo Park, CA., 94025*

Why, thanks. Hope you mean it.

Dear Dave and Gerhard,

At last! A clue to your Honolulu whereabouts! I'm referring, of course, to the back cover pho-

tograph of #98 showing Dave looking out over the Waikiki Whaling Wall. This must mean you guys were either at the Ala Wai Terrace or the Big Surf, both of which face Ala Moana Blvd. A nice view, if I may say so.

You're probably both back home in Canada now that you're back on schedule and the harsh weather in Canada has passed. However, if you're still here in Hawaii while you're reading this, do drop in and say hello. I'm playing keyboards in the band at the Waikiki Sheraton's Esprit bar. Make sure you mention my name, because the drinks are expensive.

By the way, Cerebus is much easier to follow while it's on a biweekly schedule. Any chance of maintaining this feverish pace for a few more issues, or at least going triweekly? Ahh, never mind. I forgot. You're the boss, and we're just intrusive. Do whatever you want.

Yours,

*Allen Leong
2859 Kahawai Street,
Honolulu, HI., 96822*

Nice place, the Esprit Bar. I was partial to Spats and Ger was partial to Moos McGillicuddy's (or however thy spelt it).

Yo Dave,

100! Cerebus has 100! BIG DEAL! Now I had 3 Cerebus #1's. This is the good part, last week I found out that two of them were, you know, COUNTERFEITS!!!! I wanted to kill everyone, I paid \$100 A PIECE for those two. When at the end I sold all three and with a little more money pick myself up a Mint #1. All together I lost around \$100 dollars. Who in the HELL counterfeited your book? Did you know in the price bulletin said that they are HOT!!! They list them for \$60.00 SHIT!!!

I'm going to Toronto on the 30th to see ya, so you better show up. You should run a 2nd printing on Cerebus #1. I'd use

the original cover. You should have used the original cover for #100. Do a 2nd printing.

Michael Francis
Baldwinsville, NY.

I picture this guy as the lady looking for a laxative in the Picasso Brother's Yankee Rose video.

Dear Dave:

Omigawd! I just read issue #100! Cirin is The Elephant Man! How will this change the story-line? Does Astoria know? And I thought the story took a turn with the appearance of Bullwinkle (sans antlers) in the previous issue. Now all Cerebus needs is a pair of goggles.

So - is any of this going to disrupt the planned cross-over with Jon Sable? (Not that I care).

Mark Speidel
Madcity, WI.

Wait til Michael Jackson shows up and filets her.

Dave & Ger,

How are ya? Picked up this postcard in Honolulu yesterday at about 2 A.M. I, of course, looked for Cerebus on the newsstand but it was not there. I went to Bali and now I'm in central Java. I guess I'll have to wait til I get back to buy Cerebus. en vacance,

KS

Oh, I don't know. Don't they hold the big Java Con around this time of year?

Dear Dave,

I love Cerebus. Spunky draws incredible backgrounds and you're not half bad yourself. I, of course, am completely mad, but that's beside the point. Cerebus is wonderful. He's an aardvark. Think of it, a comic featuring an aardvark and it's not a funny animal comic. Gee, wow. It's not for twelve year

olds either. No mutants, too. Watta concept. Doodle, doodle, dee. Wubba, wubba, wabba.

I wish to complain about the skit you have just broadcast about the lumberjack who wears women's clothes. Many of my friends are lumberjacks and only a few of them are transvestites.

Yours gratefully,
Brigadier Charles Arthor Strong
(Mrs.)
Wayne, NJ.

I see. Well.

Dear Dave,

I just gave a party to celebrate my 28th birthday (like Cerebus, my 27th birthday was one hell of a lousy one). What did I get for my birthday? Stoned. And I had a profound revelation that I have to share with you - I felt just like I was in a Cerebus comic book, one of the ones with all black backgrounds and white lettering, so from that I reasoned that to conceive that effect you would have had to have done hash too. Did you? (Don't worry, I won't tell anyone).

Yours in Pope Cerebus I,
Sharron Molloy

Isn't that odd? Whenever I do hash I feel like I'm in a Jaime Hernandez story.

DAVE!!

I have figured it all out! Yes, I have! Astoria is a MUTANT and the Church and State story is going to tie in directly with the X-Men, New Mutants, X-Factor, Fallen Angels, Power Pack, Excaliber, Cerebus multi-issue crossover!

Right? RIGHT?

Dave, you're great and a mutant junkie too. How can anyone say anything bad about you?

I hope the dealers out there will take advantage of this incredible marketing scheme and order thousands of comics of Cerebus as the (implied) mutant/aardvark

crossover begins. Wow. Astoria a mutant....

William J. Ritter
732 Hillcrest Road,
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I know. I get all goosebumpy just thinking about it.

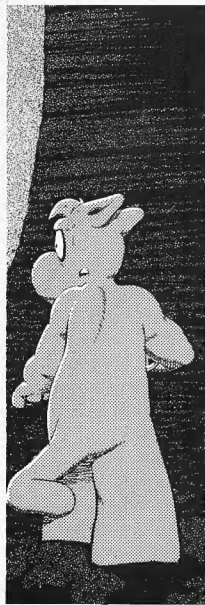
Dave,

A prostitute is someone who engages in sexual intercourse for money. Well, my girlfriend won't put out unless I spend alot of money on her. That means...uh, well, MY GIRLFRIEND IS A WHORE!!!

There I said it.

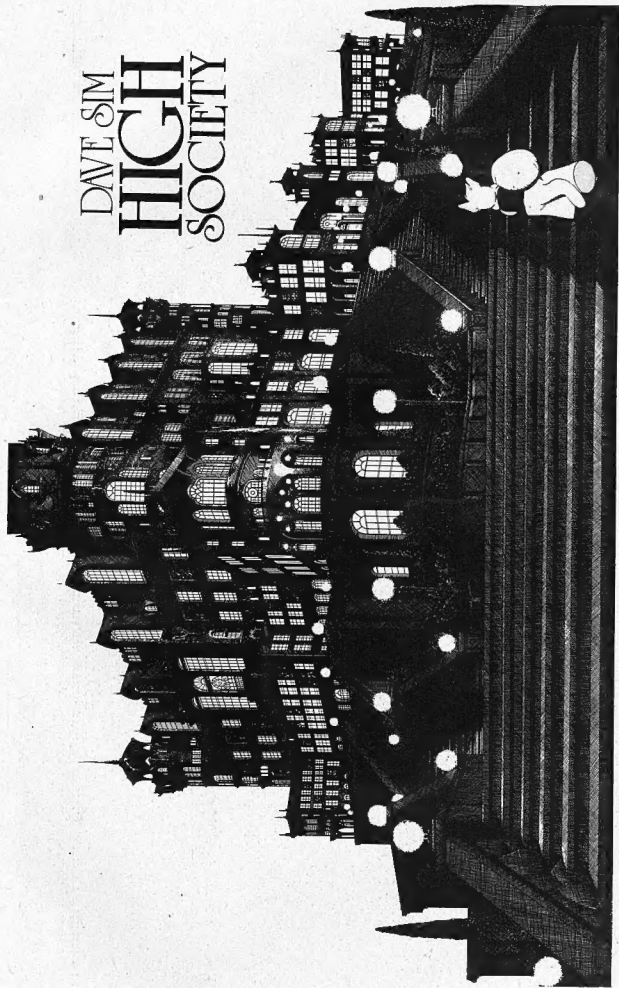
Argus Roy Smith
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I know I speak for everyone here when I thank you for sharing that with us, Argus.



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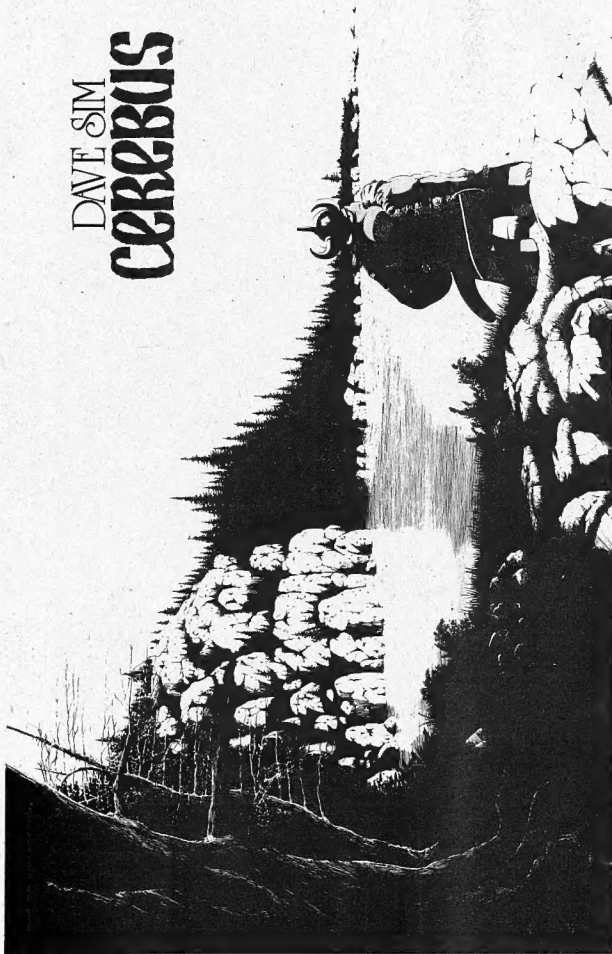
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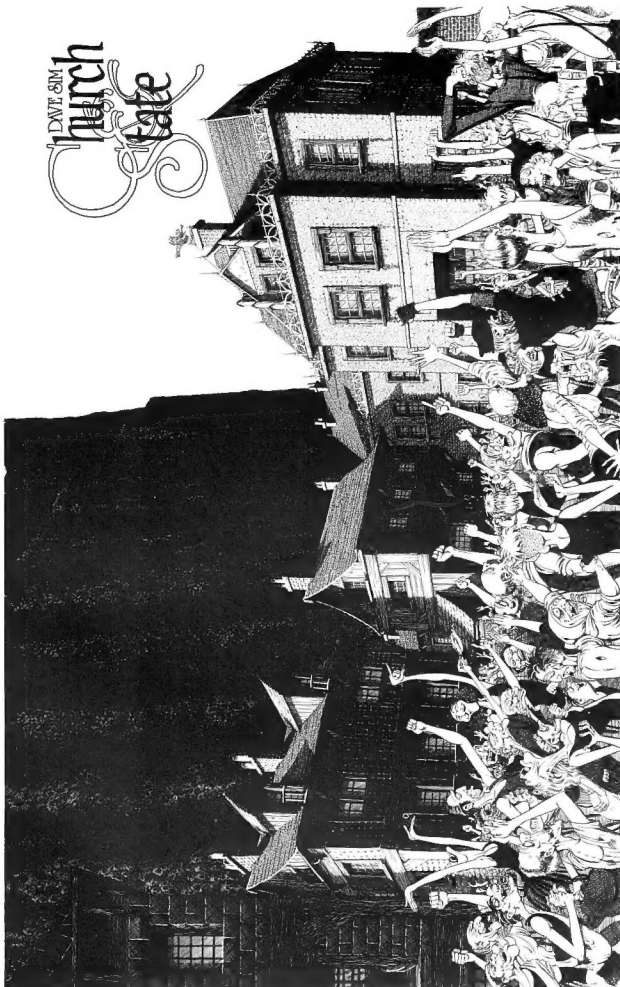


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